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Inflation rose to 2.8% in April

The National Bureau of Statistics reported this month that inflation in April went up to 2.8% year on year and the Producer Price Index (“PPI”) hit 6.8%. The rise may result from the record loan surge of 9.6 trillion yuan last year. China is facing greater pressure to control the inflation in the following quarters and there may be little chance of meeting the target rate below 3% for 2010.

Some economists have suggested that the government raise the benchmark interest rate to curb further inflationary pressure.

How to apply for VAT refund if relevant invoice were lost?

When trading exporters apply for VAT refund, they need to submit documents from different sources to the relevant authority. The most important one is the VAT invoice from the supplier. Usually there are two copies of the invoice to be retained by the exporter, respectively for accounting and VAT refund application. State Administration of Taxation (“SAT”) released a circular, Guoshuihan [2010] No. 162, in April to cater to the situation where these copies are lost. Generally speaking, if only the copy for VAT refund application is lost, a photocopy of the certified accounting will be acceptable. In case both copies are lost, the company will need to approach the seller’s governing Tax Authority for appropriate certification.

Further clarification for the implementation of preferential policies in the transitional period for Corporate Income Tax (“CIT”)

There are situations where some companies may benefit under several preferential policies as a result of the introduction of the new CIT law in January, 2008. SAT issued a circular, Guoshuihan [2010] No.

157, to clarify that only one of them could be applied to any qualified enterprise at their choice. And there will be no duplicate application. Some other points were also covered in this document.

Ticket information for Shanghai World Expo 2010

The long-awaited Expo was kicked off this month and there are several different kinds of tickets available for different visitors. We are pleased to provide you some information as below:



Ticket Type	Price (RMB)
Peak Day Single Day Admission	200
Peak Day Special Admission	120
Standard Day Single Day Admission	160
Standard Day Special Admission	100
3 Day Admission	400
7 Day Admission	900
Evening Admission	90
Group Admission	For authorized travel agents only
Student Group Admission	For authorized travel agents and education institutes only

The opening hours of the Expo Sites are 09:00 ~ 24:00. The pavilions will however be only open from 09:30 ~ 22:30. Visitors can enter the Expo Site before 21:00 and have to leave before 24:00 on the day of admission. Those with evening admission tickets may enter the Expo Site between 17:00 and 21:00. Expo 2010 will last for 184 days from May 1 to Oct. 31, 2010. Peak Days include “Labor Day” Holiday (May 1-3, 2010), “National Day” Holiday (Oct. 1-7, 2010), and the last week before the closing date (Oct. 25-31, 2010), ie 17 days in total. All the other 167 days are Standard Days. Special Admission tickets are available for the disabled, the senior citizens, students with valid IDs, children of the height below 1.2m and active Chinese military personnel. They are entitled to the purchase of Special Admission tickets upon production of valid.

Service Highlight

World Expo 2010 in Shanghai opens its door visitors from all over the world. 189 countries participate in it to show their culture, economy, technology and other aspects unique to their countries. This Expo is the biggest ever in. Sino-Bridge has been dedicating efforts to contribute to its success. We are more than pleased to offer any assistance you require!

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